Fact Finding Committee to investigate unauthorised courses followed in colleges of Delhi University

2508. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi University had appointed a Fact Finding Committee to look into the unauthorised courses being followed in the colleges of the Delhi University;

(b) if so, who were the members of the Committee;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted the report to the Delhi University;

(d) what are the conclusions of the Committee; and

(e) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to check these unauthorised courses in the colleges under Delhi University and what action has been taken against the Principals of the colleges who were actively involved in issuing certificates?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The members of the Fact Finding Committee appointed by Vice-Chancellor, Delhi University in investigate into the unauthorised courses conducted in Delhi colleges were:

(i) Prof. P. K. Ghosh, Professor of Commerce, University of Delhi.

(ii) Shri G. N. Pathak, Treasurer, University of Delhi.

(iii) Prof. L. S. Kothari, Professor of Physics, University of Delhi.

(iv) Prof. I. P. Singh, Professor of Anthropology and Proctor, University of Delhi.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Committee has confirmed that some colleges had conducted the following unapproved courses:—

(i) Computer Science Course;

(ii) some courses on Adult, Continuing and Extension Education for students and members of the public in the neighbourhood of the respected colleges.

(iii) one college conducted coaching classes for IAS etc. examinations and entrance examination for professional courses.

The Colleges charged fees for conducting these courses which varied from course to course depending upon the duration and nature of the course.

The main objective of conducting these courses was to cover the deficit which was to be met by the Trusts of these Colleges.

The Colleges maintained separate accounts of the income and expenditure on the conduct of these courses which were also got audited.

(e) The report of the Fact Finding Committee was considered by the Academic Council of the University which has directed the Vice-Chancellor to study the data collected by the Committee and then decide about further course of action in the matter.

Harmful effects of soft cola drinks

2509. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the analysis of scientific data on

harmful effects of soft cola drinks etc. and if so full details thereof and results of studies conducted abroad;

(b) whether Government have considered any Projects with overseas firms for setting up of soft drinks and other fast food, including health foods; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Scientific Studies conducted on the possible effects of soft drinks have revealed that consumption of soft drinks conforming to prescribed standards under Prevention of Food Standards under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 are unlikely to cause any harmful effects.

(b) As per the information of Ministry of Industry, foreign collaboration proposals are considered as per policies laid down by the Government from time to time.

(c) The details of all approved foreign colaboration showing the names of Indian and Foreign firms, items of manufacture and nature of collaboration are published on a quarterly basis by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to its Monthly News Letter. Copies of this publication are sent regularly to the Parliament Library.

Danger of additives in food preservations

2510. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government are aware of the serious danger of preservatives, food colours, flavouring agents, flavour enhancers, acidifiers. alkalizers, emulsifiers, softners and other food additives used in our foods and if so, aproximate quantities and value thereof yearwise for last three years;

(b) whether Government have brought out any review or summary of dangers of additives to human health; and

(c) whether Government propose to ban TV/AIR advertisements of all foods containing any additives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. Under the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, food additives like preservatives food colours, flavouring agents. flavour enhancers, acidifiers, emulsifiers etc. are permitted in specified food products within the safe limits keeping in view the technological necessity in the manufacture of food products. The quantity of food additives used in the country for last three years, is not available in this Ministry as record of production and use of food additives are not kept.

(b) Review of all the Food Additives allowed under the Rules is an ongoing process by experts. Periodical review is made by the Central Committee for Food Standards for taking appropriate measures.

(c) It is not considered necessary.

दिल्ली सर्किल में डाक व तार विभाग के विभागेत्तर कर्मचारी

2511. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली सर्किल में, मंडल-वार कार्य कर रहे विभागेत्तर कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है तथा आज की तारीख तक उनमें से प्रत्येक कर्मचारी द्वारा कितने वर्षों की सेवा पूरी कर ली गई है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि पोस्टमैन संवर्ग में नियमन के लिए विभागीय परीक्षा में सिर्फ नियमित ग्रुप 'डी' कर्मचारियों/पैकरों को ही वरीयता दी